



## Margie and Nick Mercado

October 4, 2021 - October 5, 2021

Together in death as they were in life, Margie, age 66, passed peacefully on October 4th, 2021 and Nick, age 67, on October 5th, 2021. Margie and Nick had been together over 50 years and Nick continually honored his wedding vows, in sickness and in health, over many years. Residents of Daretown for over 40 years, where they raised their family.

Margie, the daughter of the late Ralph and Betty Gardner, and Nick, the son of the late Domingo and Eleanor Mercado, met in high school where they both played trumpet in the marching band, in fact, vying for first chair against each other! Both graduated from Woodstown High School. Nick went on to Salem County Vo. Tech and studied construction and Margie graduated from Gloucester Community College with a degree in Education. Nick worked for the family business, Gardner Bros., for over 25 years as purchase agent and salesman and then subsequently worked for Hamilton Supply and most recently H. H. Hankins Hardware in Bridgeton. Margie worked in day cares, the Regional Day School and ARC as an aide for many years until her health prevented her from working. In addition to his professional career, Nick was a very accomplished musician and served as Director of Music at Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church for many years, leading the choir and praise band and singing at special services. Margie loved poetry, art, and animals. Both doted on their beautiful granddaughter, Elaina Grace, a true gift from heaven that Margie wished for.

Survived by their sons David of Tallahassee Florida, with his longtime partner Karina, and Michael of Daretown with his daughter Elaina Grace. Margie is also survived by her sister Virginia Moll (Rand) as well as brothers Ralph Gardner (Judy), Charles Gardner (Alenda), and Bill Gardner (Claudia). Nick is survived by his brother John Morrisey (Birdie), and sisters Bonnie Chapman and Ruth Sorrels. He was predeceased by his brother Eddie Mercado and brothers-in-laws, Guy Chapman and Marshall Sorrels. They are also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church in Daretown, 312 Daretown Road, Elmer, NJ 08318. Visitation from 12:30pm to 2pm with services and reception to follow. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to an educational trust fund for Nick and Margie's granddaughter Elaina. Checks may be made out to the 'Trust of Elaina Grace Mercado' and mailed to 25 Grange Ct. Woodstown, NJ 08098.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pittsgrove Presbyterian**

Daretown, NJ

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

OCT **23**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pittsgrove Presbyterian  
Daretown, NJ

## **Memorial Service**

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Pittsgrove Presbyterian  
Daretown, NJ

# Tribute Wall

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“ *This people are my very loved grandparents*

Ms. Mercado - November 26, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Margie and Nick Mercado.*



October 17, 2021 at 09:33 AM

BF

“ *Too many memories of Nick and Marge to share. Have been a family friend since our days in WHS band. Nick has been my role model of a supportive and loving husband and father. Remember Margie's high school graduation party at their Daretown home with her brother Bill and I having "bouncer" duty. We were only 16 and very naive. Funny evening. To David and Michael, your parents were loved and respected for a long time. They will be dearly missed.*

Brian Furio - October 16, 2021 at 01:54 PM

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“ *The members and friends of Jordan United Church of Christ extend our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Charlie and Alenda, Meridith, and the entire family at this time of loss and grief. May the peace of the Risen Christ offer comfort and hope in the days ahead.*

Dr. David Charles Smith - October 16, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Margie and Nick Mercado.*



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October 15, 2021 at 05:45 PM